# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:63
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MAHARASHTRA KARNATAKA BORDER DISPUTE
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) the steps so far taken for resolving the border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka, indicating the precise dispute between the two States;

(b) the stage at which the matter stands at present; and

(c) the details of boundary disputes involving other States?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (I.D.SWAMI)

(a) & (b) : The boundary dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka relates to the claim of Maharashtra for transfer of Marathi-speaking areas in Karnataka to Maharashtra and the claim of Karnatakafor the transfer of contiguous Kannada-speaking areas in Maharashtra to Karnataka.

Earlier efforts to resolve the problem having failed, the Central Government constituted a one-man Mahajan Commission to settle the Maharashtra - Karnataka boundary dispute. While the Government of Karnataka insists on the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission in toto, the Government of Maharashtra does not accept it. The dispute, therefore, continues to persist. The approach of the Central Government has consistently beenthat boundary disputes can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the concerned State Governments.

(c): According to available information there exists boundary disputes between Orissa - Andhra Pradesh, Orissa - West Bengal - Bihar - Madhya Pradesh, Punjab - Haryana - Himachal Pradesh, and Uttar Pradesh - Bihar.